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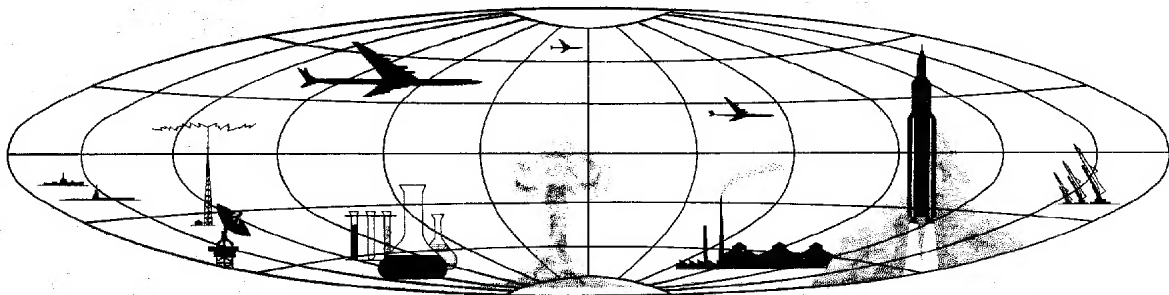


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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3448, DATED 24 FEBRUARY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-ITEMS OF INTEREST-

SHIP SIGHTING 2145N 07630W

ONE FREIGHTER (SPLIT SUPERSTRUCTURE, 2 BOOMS FORWARD, ONE BOOM AFT) OBSERVED NORTH OF PUERTO PADRE HEADING EAST.

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SHIP SIGHTING 2315N 08142W

ONE FREIGHTER STEAMING NE OBSERVED 14 NM NW OF MATANZAS.

25X1D

-MISSILES-

SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1 2243N 08001W

ARCHED-ROOF BUILDING REMAINS. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2 2239N 07951W

NO EVIDENCE OF ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT.

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TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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BELLAMAR, SUSPECT SSM ACTIVITY 2302N 08133W

NO MISSILE-RELATED ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA 2304N 08133W

NO MISSILE ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

CUEVA DEL CURA 2302N 08206W

SEE TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES.

25X1D

MATANZAS SAM SITE 2301N 08129W

SITE INCLUDES 5 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCH POSITIONS AND 4 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITION. CLOUD COVER PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE 2202N 08024W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 5 WITH MISSILES AND ONE CANVAS-COVERED, AND 3 TRANSPORTERS, 2 OF WHICH ARE CANVAS COVERED. GUIDANCE EQUIPMENT IS CANVAS COVERED EXCEPT FOR RADAR. AT LEAST 15 VEHICLES IN SUPPORT AREA.

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SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W

SIX LAUNCH REVETMENTS AND GUIDANCE AREA APPEAR OCCUPIED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE 2147N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS. SIX CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, ONE UNCOVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER WITH MISSILE. UNREVIEWED GUIDANCE AREA IS OCCUPIED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

CHAPARRA SAM SITE 2107N 07626W

SITE ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

MANATI SAM SITE 2113N 07702W

SITE INCLUDES 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED AND REVIEWED GUIDANCE AREA. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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SENADO SAM SITE 2136N 07733W

SITE ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM SITE 1959N 07550W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (AT LEAST 5 WITH MISSILES)  
AND 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS. GUIDANCE  
AREA CONTAINS 5 VANS.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2003N 07553W

SITE CONTAINS 25 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 4 LARGE  
OPEN-BED TRUCKS, APPROXIMATELY 40 UNIDENTIFIED TRUCKS,  
AND NUMEROUS MISSILE CANISTERS. SCATTERED CLOUDS  
PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

TWENTY MISSILE TRANSPORTERS WITH PRIME MOVERS, ONE  
TRANSPORTER WITHOUT PRIME MOVER, AND 6 POSSIBLE  
LOWBOY TRAILERS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE 2142N 07850W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS WITH CANVAS-  
COVERED MISSILES, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND AN UNREVIEWED AND OCCUPIED  
GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

EIGHT LOWBOY TRAILERS (6 OF WHICH ARE CANVAS COVERED)  
OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREA.

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MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCH POSITIONS, 2 OF WHICH ARE SURFACED, AND A SURFACED FOUNDATION FOR GUIDANCE EQUIPMENT. NO LAUNCHERS OR MISSILES IN AREA.

25X1D

CERCA DE PIEDRA, SUSPECT SAM SUPPORT AREA 2004N 07551W

SEE SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA.

25X1D

SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W

SEVENTEEN VEHICLES AND/OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT OBSERVED. HAZE AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2156N 08019W

SITE IS ABANDONED. NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OR MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE CONTAINS 2 LAUNCH POSITIONS, ONE OF WHICH IS OCCUPIED AND ONE APPEARS UNOCCUPIED, AND 10 CRUISE-MISSILE SHIPPING CRATES. CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDES COUNT OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT.

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-AIRFIELDS-

ANTONIO MACEDO AIRFIELD 1958N 07550W

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AIRCRAFT -- 2 CRATE, ONE HOUND, ONE POSSIBLE HARE,  
AND ONE LIAISON-TYPE.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

AIRCRAFT -- 5 PROBABLE FAGOT/FRESCO.

25X1D

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 6 FAGOT/FRESCO, 2 FARMER, 2 COLT, 3 CRATE,  
ONE T-6 AND ONE B-26. HEAVY CLOUDS, HAZE PRECLUDE  
TOTAL COUNT.

25X1D

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 2 C-54, 3 C-47,  
AND ONE LIAISON-TYPE OBSERVED.

25X1D

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 4 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT  
OBSERVED.

25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 38 HOUND, 2 HARE, AND ONE C-47.  
NUMEROUS VEHICLES, TENTS, AND AIRCRAFT CRATES  
OBSERVED. INCOMPLETE COVERAGE.

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JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD 2209N 08025W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

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TRINIDAD AIRFIELD 2147N 07959W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE.

25X1D

-PORTS-

CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

VESSELS -- 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1C

DUE TO CLOUD COVER. THE PRESENCE OF THE SLUTSK COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT 2001N 07550W

VESSELS -- 2 ORE CARRIERS AND ONE SPLIT SUPERSTRUCTURE FREIGHTER (WITH HATCHES OPEN) IN PORT. SCATTERED CLOUDS PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

25X1C

VESSELS -- 4 OCEAN-GOING FREIGHTERS, ALL WITH CLOSED HATCHES, IN PORT. STILL AT NORTH SIDE OF PASTELILLO PIER 4 (ALL HATCHES SECURED, BOOMS ARE NOT STOWED, BUT ARE APPARENTLY INACTIVE). NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

ONE FREIGHTER IN PORT. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT  
OBSERVED.

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CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 2 FREIGHTERS (ONE KRASNOGRAD-CLASS AND ONE  
MEDIUM SIZE) OBSERVED IN CLOUD FREE AREAS.  
THE KRASNOGRAD-CLASS FREIGHTER, WITH HATCHES SECURED  
AND BOOMS STOWED, OBSERVED ON NORTH SIDE OF NEW WHARF.

25X1D

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 28 FREIGHTERS INCLUDING ONE LARGE FREIGHTER  
HEADED FOR PORT, ONE MEDIUM FREIGHTER HEADED OUT  
TO SEA, 19 LARGE FREIGHTERS, 7 MEDIUM FREIGHTERS,  
5 PT, 3 PC (ONE IN DRYDOCK), ONE COASTAL TANKER AND  
2 COASTAL FREIGHTERS. NUMEROUS PATROL CRAFT AND SMALL

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PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

ONE SMALL MERCHANT SHIP TIED UP TO PIER NEAR LARGE  
STORAGE TANKS.

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TUNAS DE ZAZA, PORT FACILITIES 2138N 07933W

25X1C

VESSELS -- (4 HATCHES OPEN, BOOMS ACTIVE)  
REMAINS ANCHORED APPROXIMATELY 1.5 NM SW OF PORT.  
THREE LIGHTERS AND ONE POSSIBLE LIGHTER ARE ALONGSIDE  
3 LIGHTERS ARE UNDER TOW APPROACHING  
PIER, AND 9 LIGHTERS ARE TIED IN RIVER BEHIND PORT.  
TWELVE RAILROAD BOXCARS ON PIER AND 19 BOXCARS AND  
ENGINE ON RAIL SIDING IN PORT AREA. NO LARGE  
EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

14 NM SSW OF CIEGO DE AVILA.  
VESSELS -- ONE SPLIT-SUPERSTRUCTURE FREIGHTER ANCHORED  
2.8 NM SSW OF PORT, 5 LIGHTERS AND ONE POWER BOAT OR  
TUG AT MAIN PIER, AND 3 SMALL POWER BOATS OR TUGS  
AT OTHER SMALL PIERS.  
NO EQUIPMENT OR RAIL CARS OBSERVED.

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-ELECTRONICS-

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HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

NINE VEHICLES OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE  
IN FACILITIES.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

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HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

IDENTIFICATION ONLY.  
HEAVY CLOUDS AND HAZE PRECLUDE INTERPRETATION.

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[REDACTED]

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT COUNT.  
SCATTERED CLOUDS AND HAZE PRECLUDE FURTHER  
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

MADRUGA POL STORAGE 2256N 08149W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

SIXTEEN PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS AND 5 VEHICLES  
OBSERVED.

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GUANABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2311N 08203W

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SIX VEHICLES OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

25X1D

TWENTY-ONE TOWED FA PIECES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

SPECIAL AREA ALPHA 2258N 08227W

25X1D

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED 2254N 08231W

25X1D

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

LAS VILLAS AREA OF SPECIAL INTEREST 2146N 07959W

25X1D

AT LEAST 12 CANVAS-COVERED TANKS/SP GUNS AND AT LEAST 10 VEHICLES PARKED IN A ROW OF TREES 1.5 NM SW OF IZNAGA AT 21-49N 079-53W.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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TARARA LANDING BEACH 2310N 08212W

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NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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MATANZAS LANDING BEACH 2301N 08126W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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VARADERO LANDING BEACH 2308N 08118W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH 2202N 08036W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH 2202N 08025W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS AROUND THE DRIVE-THROUGH STRUCTURES. NUMEROUS VEHICLES IN THE VEHICLE PARK JUST EAST OF BEJUCAL. HAZE PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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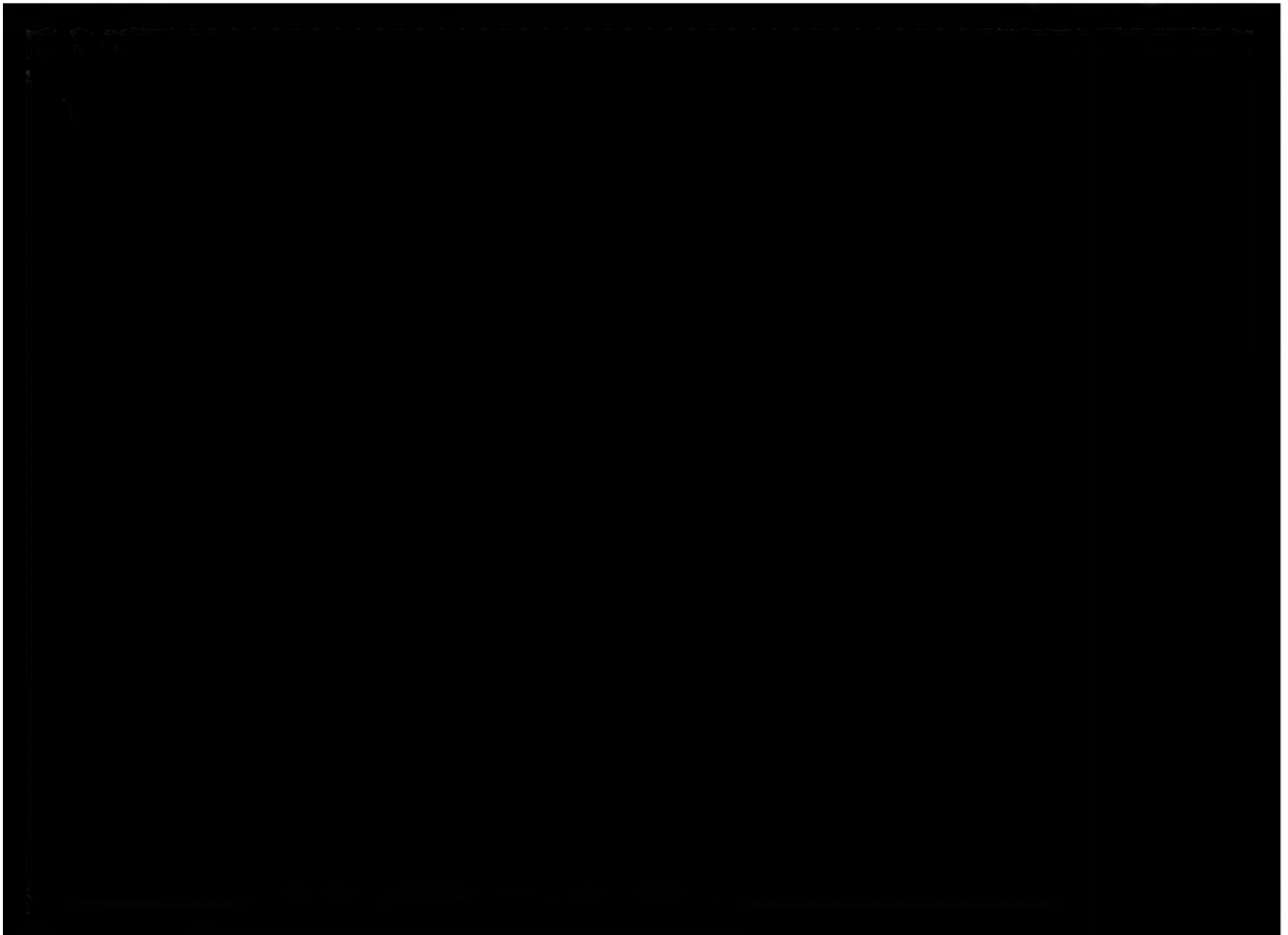
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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

MISSION 3448 DID NOT COVER TARGETS EAST OF 75  
DEGREES 30 MINUTES OR WEST OF 83 DEGREES 30  
MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE.

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

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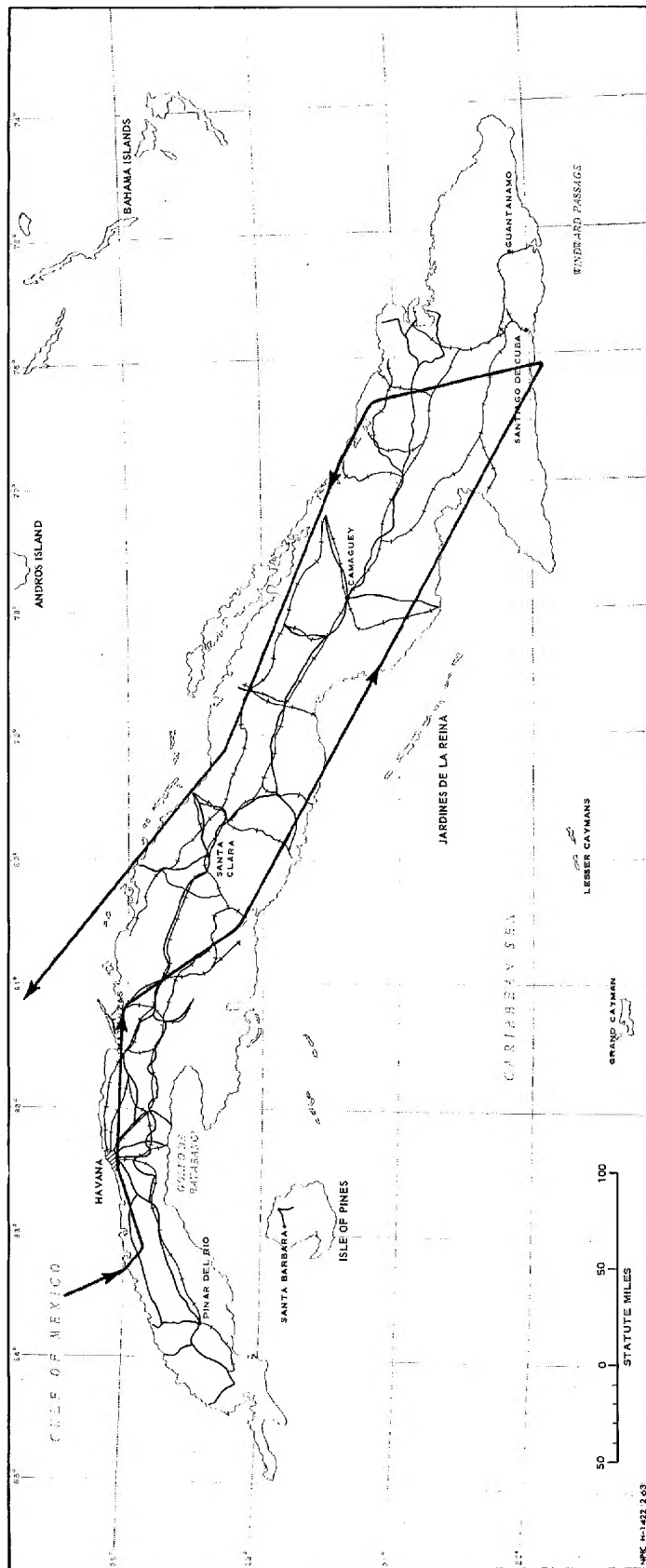
VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2104N 07700W
MALDONADO SAM SITE	2012N 07528W
LOS CANOS AIRFIELD	2004N 07509W
MANAGUA AIRFIELD	2258N 08217W
SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2303N 08218W
MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2258N 08218W
LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION	2208N 08004W



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